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SUMMARY per P. and O. S. PERA, and E. & A. M. S. SINGAPORE.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1875.

PRICE THREEPENCE.

## BIRTH.

ROBERTS, July 24, at Burrows, Denison Town, Mrs. P. Roberts, at 4 o'clock.

## MARRIAGES.

WYNN, July 15, at the Congregational Church, Pitt-st., by the Rev. John Graham, David Evans, of Sydney, and Miss Clara Reid, of the late James Reid, of this city, and second daughter of the late James Reid, of Warrumbungle, New South Wales.

## DEATHS.

FINN, August 4, at her residence, Cook's River, Mary Jane, beloved wife of John Finn, and second daughter of the late John Finn, of Cook's River, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, aged 50 years.

## SHIPPING.

THE EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY (Limited). OVERLAND ROUTE VIA BRISBANE, NORTHERN QUEENSLAND, PORTS, TORRES, STRAITS, JAVA, AND SINGAPORE, TO EUROPE, INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN, AND AMERICA.

## ILLAWARRA N. S. CO'S STEAMERS—TO WOLLONGONG.

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## PARRAMATTA RIVER STEAMERS.

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## O'CONNELL CENTENARY.

SPECIAL STEAMER TO AND FROM PARRAMATTA. To-day, 9.15 a.m. and 11 p.m.

## BRISBANE WATER—PELICAN from King-st.

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY, 7.30 a.m., return 1 p.m. TO MELBOURNE. To-day, 9.15 a.m. and 11 p.m.

## THE AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMERS.

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during which it is advertised for sale by public auction. Nearly all the other amendments made by the Council have been accepted by the Assembly. A Conference has been held between managers appointed by both Houses with a view to reconcile differences,—with what success remains to be seen.

From Hill End the news is rather meagre. Our correspondent sends us the following items:—The Lombard-street is still driving west, at the 200-foot level, for the Sergeant's reef. The crosscut is now in 154 feet, and the reef is expected within the next 25 feet. Two shifts are at work doing about 5 feet a

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disadvantage. As we have before remarked, there is every prospect of money becoming dearer. The banks, knowing that competition at the rate now prevailing would be ruinous to them, are sending to the Bank of Australasia and that of New Zealand must not only prove ruinous to many directly interested, but affect all classes of business which come under its control, as arrangements which will prove mutually beneficial. It remained that the new arrangement will include an advance in the rates of discount. Should it be adopted, it will certainly result in a large number of speculative shipments sent here. The half-yearly meetings of local companies recently held, and a few others to follow, releases a considerable amount of capital cash awaiting investment. There is, therefore, a large portion of it available for investment—so that there is any immediate necessity for it, as, outside the banking institutions, there is no other outlet for such funds.

As regards the public finances, they are altogether gloomy, and in the history of British colonisation nowhere can we find the present position of things so deplorable as in the Treasury of New Zealand. A supplement to the Government Gazette published on the 10th contained the abstracts of revenue receipts and expenditure, &c., for the quarter ending the 30th September 1874. These figures represent a deficit of £169,000 being a net increase of £191,946 on the corresponding period of 1874. This is a most satisfactory amount, and would be much more so if it was divided amongst the various departments. The representation of the colony—as has been the case for some time past—still bears a large alienation of Crown lands; but it must be remembered that the stamp duties, which yielded £100,000 last year, were reduced by one-third.

Turning to the detailed statement, we find that land sales alone show an increase of £154,655, and other smaller amounts from the same department swell the total aggregate to £169,767. On the revenue side, however, there was £243,691, being a decrease of nearly £100,000 occasioned by a falling-off of £11,884 in Murray River Customs. Tobacco and cigars show a decrease of over £100,000, of £2784, and Cargill's duty on spirits shows a sum of £2784, than compensated for by an improvement of £9749 in specific duties, £3050 in dried fruits, £3765 in spirits, £1079 in hops, and various smaller amounts, which increased the total to £202,000. The revenue on the excise, which exhibits an improvement—are colonial refined sugar, having increased £516; Mint receipts, £940; pilotage, £712; Beer, Wine, and Brands, £10,000; and stamps, £11,463. postage, £10,000; money orders, £1149; telegraphs, £1233; licences, £1554; fees

the month ending 30th June amounted to £70,821 15s. 2d., derived from the following sources:—Spirits, £32,301 15s. 7d.; wine (still), £2301 4s. 9d.; wine (sparkling), £150 0s. 8d.; ale, porter, and beer (in wood), £2847 18s.; ale, porter, and beer (in bottle), £2171 9s. 6d.; tobacco and snuff, £764 1s.; tobacco unmanufactured, £3019 2s.; cigars, £1196 5s. 7d.; tea, £3798 5s. 5d.; coffee and chicory, £963











The weather during May has been very wet, the average fall of last sixteen years having been exceeded at Sydney; at Eden the rainfall for the month amounted to 10.5 inches (as much as 10.50 inches falling on the 4th) as in fact the heaviest rain fell on the east side of the Main Range. Frost has been shown throughout the country districts since snow fell during the month at Armidale, Murrumbidgee, Orange, and Mount Victoria.

There was a heavy material gain on the 3d, and we were on 7th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 26th, 28th, 30th.

HENRY A. LAWRENCE, Comptroller in Charge.



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important service more reliable for speed and punctuality than we have yet had, we may expect the correspondence somewhat to increase. The amount to which we tax ourselves for maintaining postal services is very small indeed compared with what the British people pay, or have ever paid for similar

services, and when it is remembered that we are after all but a handful of people, with endless improvements to effect in our territory, and therefore endless claims on our revenue, an enterprise in this matter ought to receive the cordial approval of our brethren in the old world.

We have come in for a good deal of scorn because the service we started has not as yet

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plans matured perfectly, we might have started with a perfect success. As it is, although at considerable outlay and with considerable difficulty, we have managed to keep that line from breaking down. The route has been in continuous operation since it commenced, and the present service will continue until the new contract comes in force, so that there will be no interruption in this line of

Although the Pacific Mail Company is the actual contractor as an American corporation, English capitalists are interested in them in the maintenance of this line, with our past experience it is not for us to predict success; but still, we look forward with some confidence to the satisfactory performance of the service under the new con-

tions. The parties to the contract are experienced shipowners, and are possessed of adequate means; and we feel quite sure that, the line is properly organized and worked, will develop a large passenger and freight traffic, and that the contractors will not find any reason to regret their enterprise.

acquainted with the leading principles of our land system, and are more or less familiar with the abuses that have arisen in connection with their operation, have doubtless followed with some interest the narrative provided for them month after month, of the progress and varying prospects of the Amendment Land Bill.

The last few days is worthy of the greater attention, because the proceedings taken are of an exceptional, or at least unusual character. The bill having passed through the Assembly, and having undergone extensive amendment by the Council, and the Assembly having agreed with the greater part of the amendments, the differences between the two Houses had been gradually narrowed down by the exchange of messages until there were

which the Council was prepared to hold on its ground and the Assembly was equally firm in its attitude of disagreement. To solve the difficulty a free Conference was proposed by the Assembly and assented to by the Council. Managers were appointed on both sides, and yesterday afternoon was fixed as the time of meeting.

Free Conferences between the two Houses the Imperial Parliament are of rare occurrence; and since the introduction of responsible government in the colony our history has in this respect been of similar character. As matter of fact, there had, up to yesterday, been but one free Conference since the foundation of our present system. But, whilst the present Conference is thus the second in our career, it is the first at which a question of

history, it is the first at which a question of political importance has been the subject of discussion. This is the first occasion upon which a question affecting the interests of the colony at large, and which has excited and still excites strong political feeling, having led to an apparently irreconcilable difference of opinion between the two Houses, the expedient of a Conference has been resorted to for the purpose of procuring an agreement.

The first free Conference here was held on the 14th November, 1867, and the measure to which it referred was the St. Andrew's College Incorporation Bill. The institution to be incorporated was a college connected with the Presbyterians of the colony, to be affiliated to the University of Sydney; and amongst the members of that denomination there were differences of opinion as to the designation of

the college, and as to certain provisions of the bill indicating the distinctive character of the institution, and relating to its future management. Petitions from the General Assembly, and from various members of the denomination, were addressed to Parliament in support respectively of these conflicting views. The bill having passed through the Assembly was amended by the Council in some fifteen or twenty places. With some of these amend-

thirteen places. With some of these amendments the Assembly agreed, but with some disagreed, and others it amended. The Council in its turn insisted upon some of its amendments, and disagreed with some of the amending proposals of the Assembly. After receiving a message to that effect, the Assembly made some further concessions, but resolving still to maintain its position upon other points.

Some four or five in number—invited the Council to a free Conference. The request was acceded to; the Conference was held; the questions having been argued, the Council's managers reported to their House the views of the Assembly; and shortly afterwards a message to the Assembly announced that the Council did not adhere to the amendments with which the Assembly disagreed. The

In that case the holding of the Conference, and the opportunity it gave the Council of normally making itself acquainted with the views of the Assembly as well as with the are terms of the resolutions in which those views were embodied, provided a means of escape without loss of dignity from a situation of acute embarrassment.

In the present case, whilst weightier interests are at stake, and the wider scope of the questions in dispute increases the difficulty of concession or compromise, the issue of the Conference has yet to be waited for. It will be seen elsewhere, in the report of yesterday's proceedings in the Legislative Council, that the discussion in Conference has closed, and that the managers on behalf of the

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**LEATHER.**—Public sales have been intensely dull, and prices nominal, say, sole at 9d. to 11d. per lb. at 15d. to 20d. per lb. to 2s. 6d. for the best, and 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. for the 5d. to 6d. for the 6d. to 10d. for the 10d. to 12d. for the 12d. to 14d. for the 14d. to 16d. for the 16d. to 18d. for the 18d. to 20d. for the 20d. to 22d. for the 22d. to 24d. for the 24d. to 26d. for the 26d. to 28d. for the 28d. to 30d. for the 30d. to 32d. for the 32d. to 34d. for the 34d. to 36d. for the 36d. to 38d. for the 38d. to 40d. for the 40d. to 42d. for the 42d. to 44d. for the 44d. to 46d. for the 46d. to 48d. for the 48d. to 50d. for the 50d. to 52d. for the 52d. to 54d. for the 54d. to 56d. for the 56d. to 58d. for the 58d. to 60d. for the 60d. to 62d. for the 62d. to 64d. for the 64d. to 66d. for the 66d. to 68d. for the 68d. to 70d. for the 70d. to 72d. for the 72d. to 74d. for the 74d. to 76d. for the 76d. to 78d. for the 78d. to 80d. for the 80d. to 82d. for the 82d. to 84d. for the 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withdrawals since Java at £24 10s. to £25  
Messrs. Carey, Gillies, and Co. sold to-day  
Queensland sugars at up to £4 cash.

TRADE.—The new Foochoo crop in Niam was official  
for competition on arrival, but very little was done under  
the new tariff. The market was fair, with prices at £24 to  
£25 10s. per half-chest, like Kaimosi, at 11s. 11d. to 2s. 4d.,  
musst, 2s. 6d.; Orange pekoe, 2s. 1d. to 2s. 2d. The  
arrivals were sent to canneries, and part of her cargo  
will be sold on Tuesday.

Tobacco and CIGARS.—The manufacture of colonial  
tobacco is increasing, and another large establishment is  
being started at Port Moresby. The market is fair, with  
Tobacco sold at 9d. to 1s.; twist, 1s. 4d. to 1s. 7d. Cigars  
plentiful, price unaltered.

We quote the following from the Melbourne  
*Argus* of Monday.

In the import market business is exceeding dull, and only the  
few official sales for actual requirements are reported. In the ex-  
ports, however, a liberality is manifest in regard to the export-  
ation of goods, and the market is consequently more active.

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Sinking water on the vein 18 feet to the east from shaft; the mine has been sunk a further depth of 3 feet this morning, and the water has been hoisted. The mine has not shown any gold this week. 500-foot level: Crosscut eastwards. This crosscut has been curved in a further 10 feet, and the water has been hoisted. 600-foot level: Crosscut eastwards, 115 feet. Passing through blue rock with crosscut.

Beyers and Holtermann's G. M. Co. — Under date 24th August, the mining manager reports as follows:—"The underlay shaft being put down on the vein 60 feet in from the 500-foot level, the water has been hoisted 10 feet this week, making the present depth 100 feet. A crosscut eastward at 250-foot level has also been driven, a further distance of 4 feet since my last report, making a total of 100 feet."

The half-yearly general meeting of the Vale of Clwyd Gold Mining Co. took place yesterday, when the report of the directors was read by Mr. J. J. Whitford and Thomas S. Hutchinson were elected directors for the ensuing half-year.

The directors' general meeting, which was held on Friday last, when the directors' report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted. Mr. Walter Frost was re-elected as a director, and Messrs. T. L. Price and W. Williams were re-elected.

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North Williams G. M. Co. The mining manager, with the following report for fortnight ending August 2nd: "The shaft being now deep enough, we are making chambers for the shaft, and the shaft has now been extended to 117 feet, and has a hole made wide, with mauling showing in the stone. A winze with north drive, and in a few days will be connected on this new main shaft of stone. Slopes north and south, above 420-feet level, are progressing as usual for this fortnight. The north slope is the steeper lower down. South Slopes: In No. 4 the lode is 9 inches, and No. 5, 3 inches thick, of fair quality; No. 6, 2 inches, of fair quality; No. 7, 1 inch, of fair quality. North Slopes, Nos. 4 and 5: In these the lode is 16 inches, and of fair quality. 63 tons best, and 93 tons going on, and up to date we have obtained 1155 or 16 cwt. smelt, from places and pans."

person dressed like the deceased was noticed by the watchman on the Moorabool street wharf proceeding down the wharf, as has been already reported. The watchman, who was on duty at the wharf, spoke as if some one had fallen through one of the rafters, and he called out to the men on the wharf and communicated the fact to the water-poles, who instituted a search that night and all next day without success. The mystery has now been cleared up by the body being found and identified. It is supposed that it had floated to the surface of the water, and was blown down to the wharf by the force of the wind. Blood was found flowing from the forehead of the deceased, leading to the supposition that in falling he had come in contact with the cross-ers of the wharf, and was stunned, in which case there would be no doubt that he would have fallen through the rafters. The body was recovered by Mr. W. H. West on the surface. The second body was recovered by Mr. W. H. West on the surface. The second body was recovered by Mr. W. H. West on the surface.

## MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLE

THURSDAY EVENING	
Spirits	£1964 18 7
Wine, still	196 15 7
sparkling	9 12 0
Alc. porter, and beer	86 3 0
(in bottle)	231 9 0
Tobacco and snuff	21 9 0
(unmanufactured)	54 3 0
Tea	245 16 9
Sugar (unrefined)	125 0 0
Molasses	6 3 4

Rice	14 12 0
Dried fruits	373 13 9
Nuts	6 7 1
Malt	25 7 0
Soya-beans	20 0 0
Bonding Warehouse duty + precise duty	67 0 9
	789 6 2
Harbour and light dues	22 7 4
Tol-Lage	35 0 0
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No alteration has been made in the rates of exchange on England by outgoing mail.

The overdue barque *Forget-me-not* from Osaka, with a cargo of refining sugar, and the *Leander* from London, with general merchandise, valued at £50,000, arrived yesterday.

Transactions in the Stock and Share market, today, show that the improvement in business is sustained. City found buyers at £9 1s. and 9½; sellers at 9½. Joint Stock

re done at 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and Mercantile, funded, at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to £6 6s. 6d.; a premium of new issue was effected. The Sydney Fire Insurance Co. advanced and sold at 50s. Pacific Insurance Co. at par; sellers at 23s. New South Wales Government debentures were done at 107, and A. S. N. five per cent. 1879 at 107. Mining shares dull. Wallasey coal sold

to \$18 1s. 6d., Waratah at 1  
and Peak Downs Copper at 10s.  
10s. 9d. New issue of Gaslight ac  
ferred at 9; buyers offered 8.  
THE EXPORT MARKETS.—As there have be  
public sales of wool since the mail left  
California, we cannot report any alteration  
prices. Sheepskins are in great request  
prices high. The weekly produce sales h

present. Trade lots were limited demand. There was a readier sale for hides, at previous prices. Heavy, 4d. to 4½d.; medium, 4½d. to 4¾d.; light, 4¾d. to 5½d.; horse, 4s. to 10½s. 6d. containing 12½d. to 16s. 6d.

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tions in South Sea Island produce. The  
 preferences for England during the past  
 weeks have been—the Ann Duthie, with 10  
 bales wool, 137 bales cotton, 11 bales ski  
 104 casks copper, 7146 ingots tin, 141 ho  
 ends rum, 218 casks tallow, 1450 cases me  
 6 cases pearlshell, 100 cases gum, 145 ca  
 coconut oil, and sundries; and the Oce  
 beauty, with 2904 bags flour, 4907 bags whe

663 ingots copper, 133 ingots tin. The  
lyth (s.) sails on Saturday with a full cargo  
produce. The Loch Ranza has also ill  
in a short time for this period of the year  
and will leave in all next week. The Ab  
sldie, Alexander Duthie, Hawkesbury, a  
oscusko are on the berth, and the Oberon  
ported as intended to load.

THE IMPORT MARKETS.—Nothing of i

distance has occurred to alter the tenor of letters dispatched per mail on the 30th insto. Stocks are steadily accumulating and will require some time before they can be reduced to trade requirements. Foreign arrivals, during the past four weeks, comprised the British Sceptre, Thomas Bell, Harlequinade, the Borealis, the Wollahra, and the Hogue, Surrey, Borealis, Woolahra, and Worcester, from London; the Eaton H.

...raistain from Liverpool; the Lepanto a  
...roline from New York; all with general ca  
...es. The Clachnacuddin and Marie Alfr  
...on Mauritius; Memento and Lillie, fr  
...anilla, brought sugar. The Herbert Blac  
...on Callao, guano; the Namoi (s.s.), fr  
...chochoo, new teas. The Torres Straits s  
...alifornia mail steamers also brought sm  
...ipments.

**GRAIN AND CEREALS.**—Receipts of "damaged" grain going on in Europe, and especially here at London, have stimulated exports to England in proportion to what of late has been the case in respect rates accepted last month, but has not quite supported this week, owing to the shipments from London. The Ocean Beauty averaged 800 tons wheat and flour. The Loch Ranza engaged 1000 tons wheat, the St. Oysta has about 500 tons, and other vessels now loading for London will be shipments. Flour has risen about 10s. per ton, best A being worth £12 to £12 10s. in bakers' lots. Sydney, £11 to £11 10s., with prospects of becoming de-

**SHORTLY.** Oatmeal plentiful at 24d. to 3d. per  
quint. 24d. Maine has had a steady sale at pro-  
mising sold at 3s. 6d. to 3s. 10d. for best; inferior  
being sold at from 3s. 3d. upwards.

**BUILDING MATERIALS.**—There was a better feeling  
about, but recent advices do not warrant any substan-  
tial improvement. Slates are coming to hand in quantity,  
and prices are being forced down steadily. Lumber was  
scarce, but has been sold at a low figure. Colonial lumber  
plentiful.

**CANDLES.**—Last mail's advices, though favorable  
in general, have not created a dozier market, and prices  
are still on the falling rate for best. Good new and hard  
plentiful.

**COFFEE, HIGH-WEIGHTS, &c.**—Speculative purchasers of this article are having cleared the market of over 70 tons of coffee, and the price has been raised to 12 1/2 c.

**COFFEE, LOW-WEIGHTS, &c.**—There is neither any Java or Manilla in first-hand supply in full supply, at 2 1/2 c. Cocoa is wanted at 40 c. to 1 s. 6 d.

**COALS.**—The only alteration is the increased demand for California market, and a steady decrease in shipments from Chinese ports, where a local product is superseding the Australian.

**DUUNDER GOODS.**—The anticipated improvement in cotton

**DYES AND CHEMICALS.**—Prices have again declined since last week's catalogue are nominal, and caustic can be bought at 80¢ per lb. Sales of whitening at 24¢ and other articles proportionately low.

**FISHES.**—Very prime samples of white herrings available. Dried ling has been sold at 6d. per lb. and dried haddock at 5½d. per lb. Quantities of cod, salmon, etc., at 9d. per lb. and 10d. per lb.

**FRUITS.**—Currants are firmer, good fruit worth notice. Patras brought 4½d. at auction. Dates plentiful to 3½d.; figs, 7d. to 8d.; Barcelona nuts, 6d. to 5½d.; sweetest raisins, 1s.; elemis, 7d.; sultana, 8d.; Jonquills, 1s. 8d. to 1s. 9d.; dried apples, 7d. to 7½d.

**HOPS AND MALT.**—For Kent hoo fancy rices, ranging to 3s. per lb.; Tasmanian, 2s. Malt is tending to large shipments are advised to arrive. Several lines of malt quoted lately on terms reserved.

**LIQUORS.**—Bulk brandies are hardly so firm as

at a fortnight back. Martell's is offering at  
Bunnsey's at \$s. 14d., and other good brands at  
7s. case, firm. Sales of Bittle-ne case at 32s.  
three-star at about 46s. to 47s.; Martell's  
Old's, 22s. 6d. Geneva lower, full com-  
pound brand can be bought at 12s. 6d.; other  
proportionately lower. Burnett's Old Tom steady at  
\$s. Swaine Board's, 10s. 6d. Lowlands' rum firm  
at 4s. 2d. to 4s. 4d.; Preston's, 4s.; Quence's  
distilling case, 4s. 2d. worth 5s. 4d. Bulk whiskey is plain  
at 4s. 3d. for Scotch, and 5s. 9d. for Irish. For the  
case, 11s. 6d. Scotch and 17s. for the latter. Bulk  
and a decline for raisins.

**METALS.**—Quotations unsettled and nominal, except sheet lead and tinplates. Holders of the latter maintain last month's rates.

**NAVAL STORES.**—Europe rope firm at 66s. to 58s. Cord in supply: best worth 42s. to 43s. Pitch, tar, oakum, &c., as before. Rosin has fallen to 49s.

**OILS AND PAINTS.**—The value of best quality of red and white lead is unaltered, say 35s. to 37s. for the former and 36s. to 43s. for the latter. In linseed and colza oils there is a little advance. Castor is still selling at about 3s. 6d. Kerosene, about 1s. 11d. for best.

**GILKIN'S STORES, GROCERIES, &c.**—Bottled fruits are scarce, and quoted in trade names at 1s. to 1s. 6d. for

**SALT.**—Rock has maintained its price, and is quoted at £1 10s.; coarse Liverpool plentiful at 75s. to 80s.; fine, 64 15s. to 65.

**WAX.**—The amalgamation of the only refineries in the colonies under one proprietor has not strengthened the market as much as was expected; and during the present week an attempt to quit a cargo of superior Mauritius waxes at auction only resulted in the quitance of about 60 tons, at from £24 12s. 6d. to £26 for fair to the fine white; finest withdrawn; sales of Java at £24 10s. to £25.

**MESSRS. CAREY, GILLIES, & CO.** sold to-day Queensland cargo, at from 62s. to 64s. each.

We quote the following from the Melbourne *Argus* of Monday.

In the import markets business is exceedingly dull, and only the most trifling sales for actual requirement are reported; so completely, moreover, is the uncertainty in regard to the tariff affecting trade, that scarcely a transaction beyond the wants of the moment can be carried through. In mercantile circles a good deal of anxiety is beginning to be exhibited as to the future action of the Ministry, and the hope is very generally expressed that they may see their way to go on. Breadstuffs are firm, but there is little wheat offering, and we have no special sales to refer to of consequence. What is quoted at 5s. 6d. for the present, is a little nearer the market price than it was some time back.

**MINING REPORTS.**  
KROGHMAN'S G. M. Co.—Under date 4th August the morning manager reports as follows:—"In the prospecting crosscut in the north shaft, at the 392-foot level, we have driven three feet this week, making the distance in from the shaft 192 feet; ground continues hard; nothing to report. In the rise at 110 feet from the shaft we have risen 3 feet this week, making height from the drive 11 feet. No change worth noting."

The shaft in the crosscut at 334 feet has been deepened 1 feet this week, making the present depth, 7 feet. The crosscut eastward at 261-foot level has also been driven a further distance of 4 feet since my last report, making a total length of 58 feet."

The half-yearly general meeting of the Vale of Clwydd Coal Mining Co. took place yesterday, when the report and balance-sheet were read and adopted. Messrs. George Whiteford and Thomas S. Hutchinson were elected directors for the ensuing half-year.

Carringtons M. Co.—The annual general meeting was held on Friday last, when the directors' report and balance-

**Prince** was re-elected as director, and Mr. W. G. Whiting as auditor.

**Williams G. M. Co.**—The mining manager reports as follows for fortnight ending 31st July:—"260 feet level: I have discontinued working in the north stope, the lode having pinched too small to be remunerative. In the FUSHER east the south drive has been extended 14 feet, leaving a lode in the face 2½ feet thick, showing a little gold, but not yet in payable quantities. I am putting men to rise up above the drive at the place where we saw most gold, so as if there is better stone higher up. The north drive also has been extended 14 feet. The stone in this is small and also has been extended 14 feet."

North Williams G. M. Co.—The mining manager sends the following report for fortnight ending August 2d :—"The shaft being now deep enough, we are making chamber for a level at 500 feet. North drive has been extended to 117 feet, and has a lode 4 inches wide, with nundie showing in the stone. A winze from the stops above is being sunk to connect with north drive, and in a few days stops will be commenced on this new make of stone. Stops

found on the shore near Point Henry on Friday (says the *Argus*) by a former named Lawrence Thompson, who gave information to the police. The body was subsequently brought to town and taken to the Perseverance Hotel to await an inquest. The body was identified as that of Michael Deskin, a hawk of jewellery, who was last seen on Wednesday night, when he started for the railway station to inquire about a box which he expected from Melbourne. Shortly after that hour a person dressed like the deceased was noticed by the watchman on the Moorabool-street wharf proceeding down the wharf, as has been already reported. The watchman then telegraphed to the police.

through one of the very dangerous apartments on the wharf, and communicated the fact to the water-police, who instituted a search that night and all next day without success. The mystery has now been cleared up by the body being found and identified. It is supposed that it had floated to the surface, and was blown to shore it was found by the force of the wind. Blood was found flowing from the forehead of the deceased, leading to the supposition that in falling he had come in contact with the superstructure of the wharf, and was stunned, in which case there would be no struggle, and the body would, it is believed, float on the surface. The deceased was about 60 years of



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dence tempting of Providence; to have  
 the day was dull and hazy, but the wind  
 from the north-east was highly pro-  
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 result would have been serious, for  
 he was submerged 16 feet at the fore and  
 draught of the *Discovery* was 16 feet  
 Valorous which got under way  
 on the appearance of the ship and at  
 a respectful distance, was still more  
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 and flying jibs were run up, topsails and  
 masts went out, and the ship sped  
 through the water. The last to leave  
 the little daughter of the Captain, who  
 tenderly embraced by her father, was  
 Mr. Elliot's girl, who was pursued by  
 an Admiral waved the ships a last ad-  
 vance, and gradually the accompanying  
 ships, and launches parted company,  
 the small bouquets of last evening  
 gifts from those on board. The  
 seen of the two ships from  
 the rounded, the low-lying  
 of the Valorous a considerable distance  
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 persons had witnessed must gener-  
 across their minds when pursuing their  
 by through the boundless solitudes of

### MONEY-ORDERERS.

(From the Times.)  
 The money-order system in connection  
 with the Office has been very remarkable,  
 since 1851, since the commissions  
 for orders were reduced. In 1844 the  
 limited through the Office, and only  
 in 1875, the last year for which we  
 have it, it was £21,630,000—an enormous  
 sum in small amounts. This is ex-  
 cepted by £26,000 for the orders of  
 foreign countries. This system of the  
 has evidently taken a great hold upon  
 it has not a want that bankers left un-  
 served, a very great good, and the  
 banks have suffered this business to slip  
 into it is difficult to say, unless it be  
 right likely to be unprofitable. This  
 is due to the Post Office, and the  
 of the money-order branch of the Post  
 is a thing that we cannot give, for, as  
 it has never been made up, and, at all  
 events been published, there are certain  
 which yield sufficient indication how  
 and, which enable us to make a  
 guess as to the real position of what  
 the branch of business.  
 money, the last profit and *see figure*  
 of the Postmaster-General's report for  
 we stated that the gross revenue from  
 was £238,000, and the net profit less  
 including £200,000 for the Post Office.  
 In short, the larger the business  
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 there, is probably a positive loss,  
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 careful not to mention the net yield  
 of business; but from the fact of the  
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 the Post Office's live-in, it is not  
 up to the possibility, at least, of such  
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 are all its charges—all cost, say, of its  
 printing—or whether many particular  
 mixed up with those of other branches  
 of business, so that it is not clear  
 or gain on its business is. But  
 items, and those, too, among  
 surprising statements in the tables  
 returned, which are very curious, for  
 example, the Foreign and Colonial Order  
 For the three years from 1871 to 1873  
 it paid for orders issued here on the  
 was £238,000, but for the same years  
 in this country was £1,665,000; and, as  
 country and foreign countries, the  
 orders to, £298,000; orders from,  
 are, therefore, always a very heavy  
 on the part of the foreign business,  
 we must know how this balance is  
 The Post Office cannot act as a banker  
 on the debtor country for the  
 here, then, does it get the money  
 cost to procure it? Over a million a  
 is sent to find for foreign countries.  
 And this money, for nothing, or is there  
 here, then, does it? It even costs the  
 cash to meet the multitude of  
 from abroad without difficulty or loss  
 any commissions charged were handed  
 over, it is worse than that, for we  
 we only get the commission for the  
 and none of that charged for those we  
 are, obvious, too, that in intrinsic  
 business, so that it is not clear  
 business of one place and that of another.  
 It is great receivers of money, others  
 In the report for 1872, for example, we  
 find the statement:  
 tion of the amount of business at the  
 office in London it may be men-  
 tioned that 13,000 accounts, with an  
 value of over 300,000,000, were sent  
 us, advices, and other vouchers), are  
 enormous.  
 would like to be told how this vast busi-  
 ness is done. Does the Chief Office have in-  
 struments, or meet a deposit of receipts  
 to ascertain adjusted between offices in the  
 country, which must be done, for it is  
 little for their wants? If there is  
 a mistake of cash going on, the loss  
 is not very large, and it would be well  
 if it is borne in mind that the balance  
 of all such charges are laid to the proper  
 of to the former, then the true state of  
 is not known even at the Post Office, and  
 by which, and by which, a solid ob-  
 stinable commodation, is carried on at  
 aged magnitude. That such should be  
 yet the charges for remitting money  
 or than those paid by people who  
 are, therefore, sufficient to ruin a man  
 only too true. That so many orders are  
 no doubt, accounts in part for it, but  
 due to the fact that the Government  
 carriers, and that the system has  
 laboured in order to be safe.

### THE PRINCE IN THE LAND.—The constitutional

day, whose number is not small, may  
 be seen in reading the *Times*. It is  
 is there said that the Archbishop of  
 is the first subject in the land." The  
 constitutional student on reading such  
 words would be inclined to wonder  
 prince of Wales and to several other  
 Queen, who, as being not only her  
 children or near kinsfolk, take prece-  
 dence of the Primates of all England.  
 In like this express the exactly opposite  
 is not that the Primates is set  
 Prince, but that the difference  
 between the Archbishop and the  
 subject in the land" is often forgotten.  
 of the article next to any was the  
 Canterbury. He forgot that the  
 as many subjects as the Arch-  
 bishop's body else. "The first subject in the  
 land" is the Prince of Wales and  
 Yet there can be no mistake as to  
 subject in the land it would be a  
 of Wales called a subject. Yet his  
 on as a son in no way cancels his  
 on as a subject; nor is his position as  
 law distinguishes him from all other  
 his younger brothers among them.  
 id be in any mind any doubt or any  
 plain as a matter of fact, and of  
 of feeling. It illustrates the tendency  
 of the office of kingship in the more rank of  
 is the same tendency which makes  
 us use the word "royal" instead of  
 like, when the person spoken of is a  
 son, but only a king's or queen's son  
 tendency is one which shows itself  
 more, but it is equally true that it  
 more than the grave statement that  
 of Canterbury is "the first subject  
 of the Land" Gazette.

Lull-Blaues Co. Ltd. (In Liquidation) a statement  
 of the assets and liabilities of the company as at the  
 31st day of December 1900. The statement is  
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